

### REMARKS

New claims 235-257 are presented for examination. No excess claims fee is required since applicants previously paid for 24 total claims of which 3 were independent claims. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the claims fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

On the merits, each independent claim recites, among other things, that the detector for detecting the return light collected by the collecting optic is "stationary". This feature is not true for U.S. Patent No. 5,629,790 to Neukermans, in which, at best, the detector is jointly movable with the scanning mirror.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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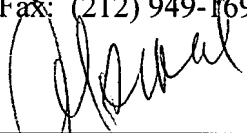
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